

STATE OF MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

IN THE MATTER OF:)
Gregory Roger Billingsley) Case No. 06A000498
Applicant.) }
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RR 2 Box 104 Marshall MO 65340)))

REFUSAL TO ISSUE BAIL BOND AGENT LICENSE

On October 19, 2006, Kathyrn Turner, as senior counsel for the Investigations Section of the Division of Consumer Affairs, submitted a petition to the Director alleging cause for refusing to issue the bail bond agent license application of Gregory Roger Billingsley ("Applicant"). After reviewing the petition, and the investigative report, the Director issues the following findings of fact, conclusions of law and summary order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Gregory Roger Billingsley ("Applicant") is a Missouri resident with an address of RR 2, Box 104, Marshall, Missouri 65340.
- 2. On August 3, 2006, Applicant filed a Missouri Uniform Application for Bail Bond or Surety Recovery License ("Form B1") with the Department of Insurance seeking licensure as a bail bond agent.
- 3. Question B of Part III of Form B1 asks,

Has any disciplinary action, including but not limited to, refusal, suspension, or revocation, ever been taken by any regulatory agency in any state...against you or any business with which you have been directly connected?

- 4. Applicant checked the "Yes" answer to this question.
- 5. Question G of Part III of Form B1 asks,

Do you have any outstanding forfeiture or unsatisfied judgments entered on any bail bond in any court of this state...

- 6. Applicant checked the "Yes" answer to this question.
- 7. Applicant was previously licensed as a general bail bond agent from 1996 to 1999, license number GB304805. Applicant cancelled his general bail bond agent license because of multiple bond forfeiture judgments and unsatisfied bond forfeitures, some of which remain unpaid.
- 8. Applicant released his \$10,000 assignment to the Department to pay a part of the unsatisfied judgments.
- 9. This order is in the public interest.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

10. Section 374.715 RSMo Cum Supp 2005 provides, in part:

Each application shall be accompanied by proof satisfactory to the department that the applicant...meets the qualifications for surety on bail bonds as provided by supreme court rule.

11. Supreme Court Rule 33.17 provides, in part:

A person shall not be accepted as a surety on any bail bond unless the person:

- (f) Has no outstanding forfeiture or unsatisfied judgment thereon entered upon any bail bond in any court of this state...
- 12. Section 374.750, RSMo 2000 provides:

The department may refuse to issue or renew any license required pursuant to sections 374.700 to 374.775 for any one or any

combination of causes stated in section 374.755.

13. Section 374.755.1, RSMo Cum Supp provides, in part:

The department may cause a complaint to be filed ...for any one or any combination of the following causes:

- (5) ...incompetency...in the performance of the functions or duties of the profession licensed or regulated by sections 374.695 to 374.775.
- (6) Violation of any provision of or any obligation imposed by the laws of this state
- 14. Applicant has unsatisfied bond forfeiture judgments from 1999 when Applicant held a Missouri general bail bond agent license and has failed to demonstrate proof that he meets the qualifications for surety on bail bonds as provided by Supreme Court Rule 33.17(f) under Section 374.715 RSMo Cum Supp 2005.
- 15. Applicant engaged in incompetency and violated obligations imposed by the laws of this state by failing to pay unsatisfied bond forfeiture judgments, grounds for refusing his application for a bail bond agent license under Section 374.755.1(5) and (6) RSMo Cum Supp 2005.
- 16. This order is in the public interest.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the issuance of the bail bond agent license of Applicant Gregory Roger Billingsley is hereby summarily REFUSED.

SO ORDERED.

WITNESS MY HAND THIS 30 th DAY OF October , 2006

W. DALE FINKE DIRECTOR

DOUGLAS M. OMMEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL COUNSEL

NOTICE

TO: Applicant and any unnamed persons aggrieved by this Order:

You may request a hearing in this matter. You may do so by filing a complaint with the Administrative Hearing Commission of Missouri, P.O. Box 1557, Jefferson City, Missouri within thirty (30) days after the mailing of this notice pursuant to Section 621.120 RSMo.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 315 day of October, 2006, a copy of the foregoing notice, order and petition was served upon the Applicant in this matter by certified mail.

Karen Crutchfield

Senior Office Support Staff